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Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow 2000 A Blast!

An action-packed weekend of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by the almost 300 who attended Coosa's first "official" Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow at Camp Jackson. Although cool, the weather was beautiful (it didn't rain!), which allowed the participants to enjoy all the weekend had to offer. From mountain biking to caving to patch trading, the participants enjoyed the many planned activities, and still had time to take in the fellowship and beauty of our surroundings.

The weekend kicked off with the Friday night Staff/Officer's banquet, capped off by a slide show reviewing our first year, produced by Chris Brightwell. At the conclusion of the banquet, Coosa Lodge's first Vigil Honor class was called out in an impressive ceremony on the parade field.

The majority of the participants arrived Saturday morning, and were greeted with a continental breakfast while they registered, before heading off to the workshops on ceremonies and the Troop Representative program.

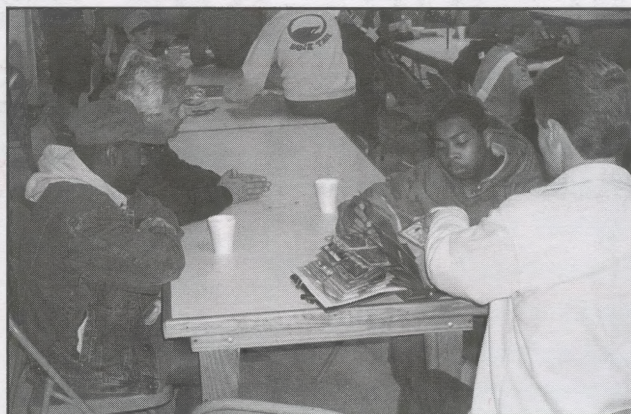
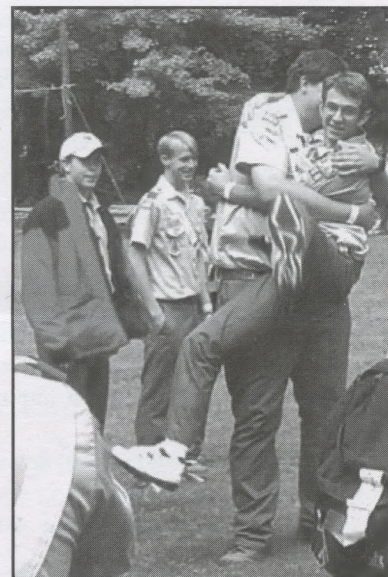
At the Lodge Meeting, our new Vigil Honor members were presented, and Lodge Officer elections were held – our 2000–2001 Coosa Lodge officers are: Chief: Massey Griffin, Vice-Chief of Service: Justin Munday, Vice-Chief of Fellowship: Charlie Simmons, Vice-Chief of Inductions: David Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer: Will Hayes. Tribe meetings and elections were held before everyone scurried off to the various afternoon activities, which included Wischixin, mountain biking, football, spelunking, native American dance demonstration, and the pie auction (not for eating, for throwing!).

The afternoon culminated in the Brotherhood ceremony, where 19 brothers sealed their membership.

The trading post was also hopping all day Saturday – thanks to Mike Thigpen and all the trading post staff for helping satisfy the patch cravings of the crowd!

That night, we assembled at the arena for the evening show, produced by Chris Brightwell and Mickey Morris. The video reminded us of the fellowship and fun we had just experienced, and our new officers were inducted. Awards of appreciation were given to our outgoing officers, and the Lodge recognized the following members as their first Founder's Award recipients: David Self, Charlie Thomas, Tim Hall, and James Flatt.

Thanks to the Kaskanampo Tribe for hosting this great event. Special Thanks to the Coosa Cook Crew, led by Ralph Riddle, for all the great food and service throughout the weekend, and to Camp Jackson's Ranger, Ken Gann, for putting up the tents and cots and having camp prepared so we could all enjoy it.



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Lodge Leadership Development Conference Coming Up!

The second Coosa Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2001 at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, AL. Registration will be from 8 – 9 AM, and the conference will be from 9 AM to 5 PM. The entire lodge is invited, and chapter, tribe, and lodge officers and committee chairmen are required to attend.

The format will be somewhat different than last year's conference – more time will be spent on our role in fulfilling our responsibilities in service to our units and council – and classes for advisers will be added to the schedule. New Lodge programs and plans for the year will be addressed, and we'll have some fun in the process! Participants will receive the special Coosa LLDC patch, and lunch, all for only \$3 per participant, payable at registration that morning.

The Asbury church offers great facilities for this event, with a fellowship hall, kitchen, and multiple large classrooms. Asbury UMC is located at 980 Hughes Road, Madison, AL, just off I-565 west of Huntsville. A map with directions may be found at: <http://www.asbury.madison.al.us/worship/location/location.htm> or are as follows:

From the South or West: take I-65 to I-565 toward Huntsville Take exit 8 – Wall Triana, and turn L Turn R onto Madison Blvd. Turn L onto Hughes Road Asbury UMC will be on the Left, just past Gillespie

From the East: take Hwy 72 to I-565 Take exit 8 – Wall Triana, and turn R Turn R onto Madison Blvd. Turn L onto Hughes Road Asbury UMC will be on the Left, just past Gillespie

Leadership Skills

One of the 11 leadership skills taught in Junior Leader Training Council and Wood Badge is planning. The following words of wisdom are offered in the hope of making us all better planners.

The 20/ 80 Rule (from "Super Self ... Doubling Your Personal Effectiveness", by Charles J. Givens): Just 20 percent of the activities on which you could choose to spend your time will produce 80 percent of the results towards your goals.

The Five Major Time Wasters:

1. Spreading yourself too thin by trying to do too many things at once. Suggestion: You must set priorities for each day and, if necessary, each hour. Get the most important things done first.
2. Being afraid to delegate. Suggestion: Convince yourself that it's not necessary to do everything yourself. You can still be certain things are being done the way you want them to be when you delegate.
3. Not wanting to say "no" to requests. Suggestion: You can't say "yes" to everything without spreading yourself too thin. Decide what you must do and want to do ... and say "no" to all other requests.
4. Being a slave to the phone. Suggestions: Have others screen your calls, use an answering machine when you don't want to be disturbed. Schedule a telephone hour to return all calls. Warning: Do not try to hide behind your voice mail or answering system. This could lead to trouble.
5. Procrastinating. Suggestions: Get those unpleasant chores done first... if they're important. Divide large tasks into smaller ones. Reward yourself when you accomplish something.

Coosa 1st Vigil Honor Class

The first Coosa Lodge 50 recipients of the Vigil Honor were introduced at the general Lodge Meeting at the recent Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow. The following 17 worthy brothers were honored for their leadership in service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow:

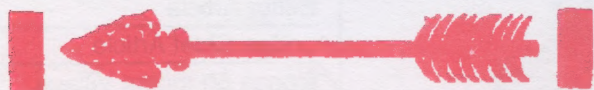
Vigil Name Translation

James Munday	Artist of Visions
William Hayes	Good Natured Guardian
David Self	First Chief
Chris Pettit	Helpful Brother
Drew Isom	Sociable Leader
Matt Valente	Bear from the West
Marlin Cox	Mischievous Mountain Man
Charles Simmons	Fast Feet Dancer
Adam Barbe	One Who Desires to Lead
David Hoover	Consistent Servant
John Wygal	Confident Performer
Glenn Creamer	Spiritual One Who Does Good Work
Jackie Pettit	Large Amusing One
Gary Wright	Cheerful Medicine Man
David DuBose	Musical Instrument Teacher
Jason Mosakowski	Mouse
Dan Strunk	Willing Worker Who Has Knowledge

Arrow Points Troop Representatives Needed!

If your troop does not have a designated OA Troop Representative, please ask your SPL to appoint one!

Forms for registering to become an OA Troop Representative are available from your Chapter Chief or Adviser, or from each Service Area Scout office.



Coosa Service Corps Serves Encampment

By Tim Burns, Lodge Newspaper Editor

It's amazing. On Nov 12-14 6,000 men, women, and children converged at the Talladega Superspeedway. Everyone enjoyed a rather cold weekend filled with pinewood derby races, a high adventure climbing wall, NASA and Nascar exhibits, and several other fun-filled elements.

However, to keep things running smoothly, there were several other groups running around in the background: first aid, security, information, and namely the Coosa Lodge OA Service Corps.

The Service Corps was located in the Indian village, where we had several Arrowhead exhibits, Native American dancing demonstrations - featuring our very own 2nd place, national OA winner of the grass dance, Charlie Simmons - and a cooking demonstration.

The Service Corps was responsible for keeping all the Pepsi Booths, information booths, concession stands, and were also responsible for safety at the Climbing wall. As the Service Corps Chairman for this event, I must thank all the 100+ OA members that worked with me to keep things running smoothly. You really worked hard the entire weekend.



From The Lodge Chief

By Massey Griffin, Lodge Chief

Brothers,

It is a great honor that you have elected me your lodge chief in this second year of our lodge. I would like all of you to know that I have very high hopes for our lodge this year. I want to be the best lodge chief that I can possibly be, but I cannot do so without your help. The first thing that we need to do is to think as one lodge, not three separate tribes. I know that we loved our old lodges and it was hard to say goodbye, but this past year has proven how great of a lodge Coosa Lodge is, and how much better it can be. I knew that when our basketball team made it to the finals at NOAC and I heard that wonderful lodge cheer, that we were a promising lodge. I think that it is awesome that in the first year of our lodge we have accomplished so much, not just in basketball, but in ceremonies, dance, publications, and more. We have definitely made a large impact on the nation. You can't tell me that what we have started is not a great thing! My second goal this year is to lead Coosa Lodge into National Quality Lodge status. If you are not familiar with Quality Lodge, it is an honor for the entire lodge that is earned by completing a number of requirements in a given year. Some of the requirements include conducting a Lodge Leadership Development course, converting at least 30% of eligible ordeal members into the brotherhood, implementing the troop/team representative program into the lodge, etc. I think that the toughest part of this is going to be the brotherhood conversion factor. Again, I can't do this by myself; I need your help to get this done. In conclusion, I look forward to working with you all this year. It is going to be tough, but with your help and with God's help we can accomplish many great things. I think that we can make this year of the lodge better than the first!

Coosa 50 Indian Village at Encampment

By William Hayes, Lodge Secretary

Coosa Fifty Order of the Arrow Indian Village was a big success. There was a big crowd in the village all day. We had a lot of members sign up to help out. Thanks to the Fayette Fancy Dancers for the dancing portions of the day were a big hit. I would like to thank everyone who brought static displays. All day people were able to look at a piece of Alabama's history. I would also like to thank everyone who donated and helped set up the tipi's. Without them Order of the Arrow Village would not have been complete.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Coosa Fifty at the Greater Alabama Council encampment 2000. A lot of other things went on besides dancing and static displays. The new where-to-go camping guide was given out. Seventy-four troops and one venture crew received the book. Also working hard this weekend was the Coosa Fifty Service Corps. They worked where-ever they were needed. Members were able to pay their dues, and they were able to meet the new lodge chief Massey Griffin.

All and all the Order of the Arrow Indian Village had one of the biggest turn-outs all weekend. Once again I would like to give thanks to all members who braved the cold, came out, and helped put on the best event all weekend.

Arrow Points

2001 Dues are Due!

If you have not paid your 2001 dues yet, they are due by the end of this year. Please complete and mail in the enclosed dues form to the Birmingham office at the address specified on the form. If you took your ordeal during the year 2000, you have already paid your dues for 2001.

Arrow Points

Conclave Registration is Underway!

It's time to start thinking ahead to Conclave 2001, which will be hosted by Yustaga Lodge 385 the weekend of April 20-22. Registration forms are available from your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser, or from each Service Area Scout office.

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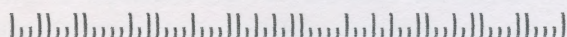
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Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Calendar

January 27	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Ashbury UMC Madison, AL
March 16-18	Spring Fellowship	Comer
April 20-22	Conclave	Spanish Trail Scout Reservation DeFuniak Springs, FL Yustaga 385 Host
June 1-3	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Comer
July 21	Workday / Brotherhood	Westmoreland
August 17-19	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Sequoyah
September 7-9	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Jackson
October 5-7	Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow	Winnataska

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Coosa Lodge 50 WWW

Please fill out the form below, and mail it to the address listed below with your dues for year 2001 (\$7.50). You will receive your membership card in the mail.

Enclosed are my dues for year 2001 (\$7.50) _____



(make checks payable to Greater Alabama Council, BSA)

Please Print Clearly

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